

# GM569

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, CANDACE WADA, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Board of Dental Examiners

**Description:**

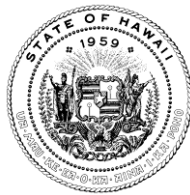
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<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 569.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 569, regarding the **reappointment** of Candace Wada, D.D.S., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wada's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Wada has been licensed as a dentist since August 19, 1997, and her license is current, active, and in good standing. Her experience as a dentist for almost eighteen years brings to the Board her valuable knowledge and expertise in oral health. She has been serving as the Chair of the Board's Applications Committee and has contributed to

the Committee's deliberations on amendments to the applications to conform to the rules, especially in the areas of anesthesia and sedation. She has volunteered many hours amending the applications and on occasion has made sacrifices to her business by rescheduling patients in order to accommodate the Committee's business. Dr. Wada has attended twenty-seven out of twenty-nine meetings.

Furthermore, Dr. Wada serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams, which greatly assists with the process to determine whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry and attends national and regional examinations and meetings.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wada to the Board of Dental Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

April 14, 2015

Senator Roz Baker

Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing this Letter of Recommendation to endorse the candidacy of Candace Wada, DDS (nomination no: GM569) for re-appointment to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners.

As you can see from her application, her qualifications are exemplary. But more importantly, Dr. Wada has proven her competency while serving her first term on the BOD. In addition what makes her special is her commitment to protecting and improving the Oral Health of the residents of Hawaii.

As a member of the Dental profession, we need Dr. Wada's expertise. There are many challenges facing the Dental Profession which can ultimately impact the Consumer. We need a strong Dental Board to meet these challenges.

Please consider the re-appointment of Dr. Candace Wada to a second term on the Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Yonemoto, DDS.MS.

14<sup>th</sup> District Trustee of American Dental Association

This letter is in support for reappointment of Dr. Candace Wada to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. I have known Dr. Wada for many years as she has served on the Board of Dental Examiners as well as the Hawaii Dental Association's Board of Trustees. Her dedication to the rules revisions and sedation permitting has been commendable and she will be instrumental in completing these tasks in the upcoming years. I highly recommend Dr. Candace Wada to the Board of Dental Examiners. Always, Dr. Lynn Fujimoto, President, Hawaii Dental Association

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**Subject:** Dr. Candace Wada Board of Dental Examiners appointee  
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Dear Senator Baker:

This letter serves as a letter of support for Dr. Candace Wada who has graciously agreed to serve a second term on the Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Wada has been an outstanding leader in the community serving on several volunteer boards. She has been instrumental in keeping the Board of Dental Examiners updated on the latest information and research in dentistry that serve to keep our patients safe. Please forward her name to the legislature for re-appointment.

Mahalo,

Dr. Norman S. Chun  
808-261-0813

## **CPN Testimony for Candace Wada, DDS**

### **Re: Nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners (for a second term)**

- 1- Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
  - To serve the residents of the state of Hawaii as an active practicing dentist who is able to help form policies to ensure the safe practice of dentistry
- 2- What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
  - To license dentists and dental hygienists in the state of Hawaii
  - To enforce compliance with the statutes and rules of the Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding the practice of dentistry
  - To form and develop policies and rules for the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene
- 3- In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
  - By providing input in policy-making when decisions need to be made regarding interpretation of the rules by practitioners, by making decisions based on not what is best for the profession but for the safe dental care of the public.
- 4- Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board>

I have 32 years of experience as a practicing “wet-fingered” dentist. Although the majority of my career has been spent in private practice, I also have had experience in public health and for a short time in corporate dentistry. I have practiced both in Hawaii and California. I currently am an active member and examiner with The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (formerly known as the Northeast Regional Board) where I also serve on the Steering Committee with other members from around the country. When attending CDCA meetings on the mainland and examining at dental schools across the country, I get to hear of current issues affecting other states and have access to many resources in order to stay informed. I have also been involved in organized dentistry throughout my career and am very concerned about keeping our profession centered on the care of our patients and keeping access to care at the forefront. I participate in several programs to help the underserved as an individual, Donated Dental Services and Give Back a Smile. This keeps me engaged with patients that have issues with affording care as well as having access to care.

- 5- What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Currently, I hope that I can continue efforts to maintain safety regarding sedation use in the practice of dentistry and for proper precautions for the health and safety of the public regarding Infection Control standards . I also hope to continue working on maintaining our rules to be current with all the changes in our profession- new techniques, new technology, new products and new services used by practitioners.

- 6- Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am hard-working- I will put in effort for whatever is needed of me to get the job done.

I am organized – I am able to assemble facts and figures to arrive at decisions in an organized manner.

I am pragmatic- I tend to look at issues in a practical and sensible way, thinking of things in a realistic manner and not based on theoretical thought.

- 7- Name a previous experience that you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have community service experience having been involved in the Girl Scouts for over twenty years as a volunteer. We did many service projects that involved needy families and children that provided information and hygiene supplies to improve their overall health. I have worked through my church with the homeless donating my time as well as tools to educate them in good oral health.

Having done these things, has brought home to me how there are many people who are not getting routine dental care and the need for improved access to care.

- 8- Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? Not that I can think of.

I have provided references in previous correspondence.